

Wausau School District

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Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.D. 20554

In the Matter of)	
)	CC Docket No. 02-06
Wausau School District)	
In the Schools and Libraries Program)	

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION AND ITEM 21 DEADLINE

Wausau School District, BEN #133196

FCCRN: 0011804929

470: 170063617, 170067692 (Year 2 of 2-year contract),

160019860 (Year 3 of 3-year contract)

471: 181042700 - FRN #1899083447; FRN #1899083446 (Year 2 of 2-year contract)

181042699 - **FRN #1899083443** (Year 2 of 2-year contract) 181042698 - **FRN #1899083440** (Year 3 of 3-year contract)

RECONSIDERATION of WAIVER Request: ID 105012837303958 filed May 1, 2018

Wausau School District, a 4K-12 school district, in Wausau Wisconsin serves the needs of approximately 8,500 students from both urban and rural areas. On average, 52% of the student population qualifies for a Free or Reduced price meal.

Additionally, 6 of the District's 13 elementary schools qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Lunch Program.

This program allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.

The Wausau School District respectfully requests reconsideration of the Waiver Application of the 2018-2019 Form 471 Application and Item 21 Deadline, as referenced by ID 105012837303958. In accordance with the long standing Commission

precedent of granting deadline waivers for extraordinary events such as death, deployment or illness of key applicant personnel we ask the Commission to grant this waiver request to the Wausau School District based upon the following.

Our designated point person for filing applications was deeply affected by two separate, significant family health matters during the filing window; one which included her husband being hospitalized, with additional testing, to rule out a diagnosis of cancer. In addition, the point person's father, who is in advanced stages of dementia, was struggling with new symptoms requiring her attention. (Medical documentation can be provided to the Commission on a confidential basis if requested.) These unexpected medical issues occurred during the same time the Wausau School District Technology Department was undergoing a reorganization. This reorganization directly impacted the person responsible for filing applications. It is important to note, the person responsible for filing the applications has successfully done so for the past nine years without missing a 471 deadline. This oversight occurred as a direct result of the extenuating circumstance of unexpected family medical issues, as well as, the additional stress of unexpected increased job responsibilities.

When it was discovered the filing deadline for these 471s, continuations of existing contracts from previous applications, had been missed, an application for waiver was immediately filed. We are filing this request for reconsideration, with additional medical circumstances provided, because we are confident that the Commission understands the complex nature of E-rate as well as the unforeseen family and job pressures that can affect employee performance.

Based on our unique circumstances and Commision precedent, the Wausau School District requests the Commission reconsider the application for Waiver of the 2018-2019 Form 471 Filing Deadline in this case and restore badly needed funding to the Wausau School District.

Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of August, 2018.

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